

REMARKS

Entry of Amendment

In this amendment, Applicants are merely canceling all of the rejected claims in the application (without prejudice or disclaimer), leaving only the previously allowed claims as the pending claims. Therefore, this amendment is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.116(b)(1) and should be entered and considered by the Examiner at this time.

Allowance of Claims

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 28-29, 31-33, 35-37, 40-41, 43, 45-51, 57-60, 66-69 and 74-77.

Applicants have the following response to the remaining rejections in the Final Rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 7, 9, 12, 53 and 62

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner rejects Claims 7, 9, 12, 53 and 62 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Inoue (US 6,469,455) in view of McKnight (US 5,959,598). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are canceling Claims 7, 9, 12, 53 and 62, without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering this rejection moot.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 8, 10 and 70

The Examiner further rejects Claims 8, 10 and 70 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Inoue in view of McKnight and further in view of Wagner et al. (US 6,670,599). This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are canceling Claims 8, 10 and 70, without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering this rejection moot.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee should be due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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